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ONLY GOING TO THE GATE.

Like a bell of blossom ringing,
Clear and childish, shrill and sweet,
Floating to the porch's shadow,
With the fainter fall of feet,
Comes the answer softly backward,
Bidding tender watcher wait,
While the baby-queen outruns her,
"Only going to the gate."

Through the moonlight, warm and scented,
Love to beauty breathes a sigh,
Always to depart reluctant,
Loth to speak the words good-bye;
Then the same low echo answers,
Waiting love of older date,
And the maiden whispers softly,
"Only going to the gate."

Oh, these gates along our pathway,
What they bar outside and in!
With the vague outlook beyond them,
Over waves we have not been.
How they stand before, behind us!
Tott-gates some, with price to pay;
Spring-gates some, that shut forever;
Cloud-gates some, that melt away.

So we pass them going upward
On our journey, one by one,
To the distant, shining wicket
Where each traveler goes alone—
Where the friends who journey with us
Strangely falter, stop and wait;
Father, mother, child or lover;
"Only going to the gate."

TWO LIVES.

It was a slow and languid thrilling of his senses. So Vaughn Dare would have worded his sensations. had he suddenly been called upon to do so, as, sitting on the broad piazza of the Ocean House at Newport, he found his attention riveted upon a woman's face of such rare, such wonderful beauty, that his gaze seemed fascinated.

She sat quite near him, reclining in a low chair, her hands holding some soft, fleecy work, which, however, had made no progress since he had first seen her

Her head, small and daintily poised on the exquisite, sloping shoulders, was covered with a luxuriant mass of dark red hair, which the wind blew in innumerable little waves floating above the low, white brow. Her eyes, when the long lashes lifted themselves from the carmine-tinted cheek to betray their color, appeared to hold in their brown depths the same shade of red which was in her hair, lending a sort of smouldering light, as though only needing some powerful impulse to have it burst forth in flame. Her lips, richly red, and not too full, parted over the strong, gleaming teeth. Every motion was replete with grace.

A little group of men surrounded her, whose presence she seemed to suffer rather than to court. She rarely laughed. Now and again she smiled—a faint, languid smile—when her features would relapse back into the old indifference.

"Too absorbed even to wish me good morning, Mr. Dare?" interrupted a voice.

There was no outward visible sign of the man's inward anathemas, as Vaughn, instantly rising, courteously doffed his hat to Mrs Thorne—a young and pretty widow of but twenty-four.

"How glad I am to see you," she continued, holding out a white, plump little hand "When did you arrive? I thought you still abroad."

"Lives there a man with soul so dead," he answered laughingly, "You see, it was that sort of a thing, tugging at my heart strings, that brought me back, a penitent, to my fatherland. I reached New York some time last week. Really it was too hot to keep any account of time, except as measured by the thermometer. As soon as possible. I came down here for a breath of fresh air Reached here late last night, and already," with a low bow, "have met my reward"

"Ah, I see you have not yet forgotten your habit of making pretty speeches! Fortunately, long ago I learned to estimate them at their proper value. But, tell me, did you find anything in the galleries abroad lovelier than Laura Sterne's face? Have you met her?"

"I certainly have met with no greater miracle than the fact of one woman according to another her due meed of praise. Dare I respond? or is it a trap for the unwary? She is pretty—rather. You see I am timid. I do not know her. Will you present me?"

"With pleasure. Laura," having taken his arm and led him over to where the girl sat, "this is my old friend, Mr. Dare. Mr Dare—Miss Sterne."

The red brown eyes lifted themselves for a moment to his face; the carmine burned in an instant to a deeper stain on the beautiful cheek.

With a little musical laugh, Mrs Thorne glided away, the other men, one by one, followed suit, and the new intruder held undisputed possession of the prize.

The morning was a precursor to the days that followed. It grew to be a recognized thing that Vaughn Dare had stepped into the foremost place, and that, when he approached, others must fall back.

There were many who had made desperate struggles to gain that which seemed to fall to him by a sort of unconscious right. He had drifted to Newport without purpose or intent. He found himself held there, as a vessel to its moorings; but he knew his anchorage lay in Laura Sterne's smile.

How it lit up the lovely face! Was it only his fancy that it always waited his coming to first dawn in the wonderful eyes, and then to grow and deepen until the red lips caught it?

"Vaughn Dare is a flirt," said Dame Gossip.

"It is diamond cut diamond," said Dame On Dit.

"There is a fiance awaiting in Gotham," asserted Dame Rumor.

But, spite of the three ancient and worthy (?) dames, the lovers wended their way content.

Were they lovers? Had they put the question to themselves? Sometimes they would spend hours almost without words, when Vaughn, throwing himself on the sands at Miss Stern's feet, would let her eyes rest dreamily on the perfect face, on which neither sun nor wind seemed ever to rest with but lovely impress.

"Have you a picture of yourself?" he asked her, one day.

"No," she answered. "I have never had a photograph taken. Strange, is it not? I have always hated the idea of having a cardboard representation of myself in the possession of one's five hundred friends. If one's picture could be held by one—the one for whom you have had it drawn or painted, one whom you know would value it as a counterfeit of the real—it might be different."

Did she expect that he would answer, "I want it! I would be that one!"

Silence fell for a moment between them; then Vaughn sprang to his feet, and offering her his arm, they walked silently back to the house

That night, as they had finished a waltz together, he whispered in her ear:

I am tired of all these people. I want to be alone. May we not go up for a while into your parlor?"

"Certainly," she replied, her mood always falling in with his, and led the way he following

It was a pretty little room, to which she had brought the stamp of her own individuality. The music from below reached them but faintly; the salt air from the ocean stirred the draperies from the window.

Without, the atmosphere was weary, oppressive, as though a storm were brooding. It seemed to weigh on Vaughn Dare's spirit.

He leaned out to look into the night—to try, if possible, to shake it off. A faint scream roused him.

Miss Sterne had crossed the room to her escritore; a breath of wind had blown the lace shawl she had thrown about her shoulders, and fastened on her hair, directly across the flame of the lamp. It had instantly taken fire.

As instantly, Dare comprehended the danger. A table stood at his side, covered with some pretty, dainty cloth. He dragged it off, and threw it about her.

Scarce sixty seconds, and the peril was over! She was unscorched, unmarred, but he still held her as he had caught her—close wrapped in his arms—close pressed to his heart!

One of his hands was severely burned He did not even know it, until she caught and pressed it to her lips.

"For me!" she whispered. "Vaughn, Vaughn! I love you—I love you! The life you have saved is yours."

At her words, he slowly opened his arms and released her from his hold, an ashen pallor creeping on his face.

She looked up at him in dim, bewildered wonderment.

"What is it?" she questioned.

"Only that you have opened heaven to me, and I must turn away from its gates Mad, blind fool that I have been, not to see whither we were drifting Laura. I love you—aye, as you love me—and I am bound in honor to another woman"

You mean that you have been engaged to—be—married all this time, and I—Oh, what have I done?" covering her face with hands and sinking back in her chair.

"Nothing," he replied, "but what the loveliest, purest of women might have done Knowing no evil, you thought none. I—"

"Leave me!" she cried springing to her feet. "Go to the woman who has the right to claim you. I make to heaven but one prayer—that I may never see your face again!"

But when he had obeyed her, she crouched down on the floor in her struggle to keep back the moans—aye, and kissed the spot where his feet had rested.

Calm, silent, impassive, all her life, he had opened the pent up flood gates of her soul, for this—for this

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"We have made a mistake. Forgive me that my eyes were just opened to it, and that I ask you to release me from my bonds. I thought I loved you; but women do not always know their own hearts. I send you back your ring, your letters. Send me back my broken pledge, and your forgiveness."

This note, from his affianced, Vaughn Dare, found waiting him in his room, on his return to the city. This, which Fate had sent him in the moment of his need—this, which raised the weight from his chest, and load from his brain which made him a free man—free to woo and win the only woman, he now knew, that he had ever truly loved.

It would be a little difficult, perhaps, to gain her forgiveness—to win anew her trust; but with such an end, and the knowledge that she loved him he could not fail.

Why was it, then, that on the boat, returning, sleep forsook him? In the morning, he would find her sitting, perhaps, where he had first seen her. He could fancy the haughty look of incredulity on the beautiful face as he approached, only to see it soften and die out under the eloquent passion of his words

Ah, how he loved her! Now, in the new sense of his freedom, he dared avow to his own soul how well.

But, spite of it all, the night wore heavily away. Toward morning he sought his berth, but only to lie and toss restlessly about, until the steamer touched her pier.

It was still early when he reached the hotel. A sudden chill seized him as he entered the office. The few standing about wore a sad, pitying look he could not understand.

"You have heard the terrible news, Mr. Dare?" the clerk questioned.

"I have heard nothing," he abruptly answered.

"What! you do not know? Miss Sterne was drowned yesterday, while bathing At first, she seemed averse to going in, but they finally prevailed upon her. The tide was very strong, but they say when it swept beyond her reach she seemed to smile, as though she had no fear. She uttered no moan or cry, and must have lost consciousness almost immediately, for when the life boat was thrown her—they hoped to save her life—she made no effort to grasp it. Her body was recovered last night."

"Take me to her," Dare whispered, in a hoarse, changed voice.

It seemed as though he had known it all long ago, as though he had lived in another life. Walking, as in a dream, with all trace of color fled from the cheek and lips, he followed to the closed door, where the man had left him. Then he opened it quietly and went in. The few watchers, taking one glance at his awful face, rose and left him with his dead—ah, his own for time and eternity! Did she not still wear the smile upon her lips for him?

For her the struggle was over. What wonder that she had smiled as she felt the water, more merciful than man, wrapping her in their embrace? What wonder that she cared not to grasp the rope which should snatch her back into the old agony of living?

On his knees before the exquisite form, Vaughn Dare wrestled with his anguish. Ah, they both had drifted with the tide—she into the still ocean of eternity, he into the bitter turmoil of the mighty have been. Drifted—drifted with the tide men call living, and on its waters have been wrecked "Two Lives!"

The Irish in America.

At a meeting at Castlerea, in Ireland, a few days ago, held in the interest of the people who demand a change in the land laws, one of the speakers said:

"That the rents which the landlords got for the past year or two did not come from the soil, but from America"

Commenting upon this declaration the New York Herald says:

For twenty or thirty years the stream of small drafts from American cities has poured into Irish pockets It it were possible to collect and put before the world a full statistical account of the whole amount of money so sent home by Irish immigrants the total might well startle at once Irish landlords and that particular variety of Irish patriots which now prates with a little cheap rhetoric about the sacrifices which the Irish people make when they expatriate themselves from a country in which, as they assure us, they are not free and are likely to starve. Were it possible further to show the proportionate relation of the money thus sent to the amount actually earned by the senders, these figures would be, perhaps, more remarkable than those exhibiting the total of these contributions; for they would present a display almost without a parallel in the history of humanity of generous self-sacrifice and of deep and untiring devotion to the sacred memories and affections of home.

Seymour.

[Col. McCarty, in Elizabethtown News.]

When the News some weeks since stated upon private information that Gov. Seymour would not under any circumstances permit his name to be used in connection with the Presidency, the statement elicited comments from several of our exchanges. Our information came from a near friend of the Governor, and it was authoritative Nevertheless it now looks as if the old patriot will be pushed forward *nolens volens*. Among the rank and file of the Democracy here—Senators, Representatives, and "visiting statesmen" there is for him a unanimity that surprises us. To the objection that he does not want the office they say "that is the best reason why he should have it. We are tired of office beggers and place seekers. The great office of President should not be sought nor bought It should be the voluntary free will offering of an appreciative people." Besides, it is conceded even by Republicans, that Gov Seymour can carry New York, and New York and Indiana are indispensable. Hendricks is warmly pushed by his friends for the Presidential nomination, but it is said that he will not be pressed against Seymour; it is even hinted that with all his repugnance to the office of Vice-President, he might consent to take the second place on a ticket with Seymour. Such a ticket would undoubtedly carry New York and Indiana, and give us the prestige of victory "from the jump"

God Is With Us, if the North is Not.

The all-absorbing topic of the day is the restoration of property to the South It is felt and talked about in every household It has imbued capital with confidence, and inspired labor with hope. It rides supreme by above every question in politics.

This new born vitality that is now permeating all branches of business, simply demonstrates the energy and pluck of the Southern people. It is not the work of any political party. Politicians have had naught to do with the industry of the farmer, the enterprise of the merchant, nor the ceaseless toil of the mechanic God alone has stood on the side of these. Despite the bickerings of partisans, God's sunshine, His rain, and his invigorating air, have touched us with the beneficence of inspiration the resources of industrial thrift, and they have yielded the fruits of renewed prosperity. God is with us, if the North is not. Our manufactories and workshops were never busier than now, and the counters of the merchants were never more thronged. Capital and labor were never drawn together by opportunities of greater mutual advantage. In fact, better times have come, and peace and happiness reign throughout our own sunny southern land.—Nashville Banner.

Prison Revelations.

A remarkable book has lately been published in London by a ticket of leave man. He solemnly declares that whatever things are filthy, hateful, fiendish, if there be any vice or infamy deeper or more horrible than all other vice and infamy, it may be found ingrained in the English professional thief: "who has sucked vice into his nature from a degraded mother." As a class he deems them utterly and irreclaimably lost. He shows that convict labor ought to be worth a great deal, and is worth next to nothing. The prison wardens are for the most part on good terms with the worst class of convicts. The cat, he thinks, should, after a time, be applied to the worst class of criminals, for it is the only thing they fear. Chaplains do little good. At worship a large number of men, while pretending to utter the responses, are really talking blasphemy. Many scoundrels take the sacrament merely to stand well with the chaplain, and it has been found needful to keep a tight hold of the sacramental wine cup. He thinks that short sentences and the separate cell system might be efficaciously combined.

A wood stove is not made of wood. Nor is a coal stove made of coal.

DARK HORSES.

A Handsome Piece of Presidential Timber in Indiana.

[Letter in the Quincy Modern Argo.]

As the builder selects with care the best material from which to rear a stately edifice, so do the wise statesmen of either party select the best men as political timber for the foundation on which to build success. Your correspondent claims not to be a statesman, and is without political bias, but, as one scanning the field where hostile hosts lie, presents to your readers such points of interest as relating to Presidential candidates, some conclusions founded on reason and reached by observation and opinions based upon opinions of many and a better man than I.

"Who shall the ticket be?" is a question of momentous importance at present in all sections of the country. It is none the less true that Indiana occupies the position of an important factor in solving the problem. This fact has perhaps led your correspondent to glean this information and set forth [illegible] opinion, a Hoosier, if you will, is entitled to consideration by the whole country as a Presidential candidate. It is a little singular that of the men favorably mentioned for places on the Democratic Presidential ticket, the two men who would probably command the greatest strength are not only not seeking office, but are well known to be greatly opposed to entering active political life One of these, Governor Seymour, of New York, can, perhaps in part, justly base his preference for private life upon the plea of his age and bodily infirmities, but the other, the Hon. Wm H. English, of Indiana, cannot rightfully base his preference upon such grounds, as he is in the full vigor of life with all his splendid faculties in full meridian, and with no apparent good reason why he should shrink from public life. The reason alleged his less claim to recognition than in Gov. Seymour's case, since it is only a desire for ease and comfort in contradistinction to the anxiety and turmoil of active politics In a recent public interview Mr. English ridiculed the idea that, at his time of life, and with his surroundings, he should aspire to office, and yet stranger things have happened than his yet doing that very thing. In the judgment of a great many, he is the best man that the Democrats could bring forward with probability of success at this crisis.

The geographical location is exactly right, being, not only a citizen, but a native of Indiana, which is admitted to be a pivotal State, and likely to have one of the Presidential candidates. No other person named is a probable candidate is a native of Indiana. Then, too, he is a Western man, thoroughly imbued with Western ideas, and yet not obnoxious to the East, where he is well and favorably known as one of the soundest, most sagacious and conservative [illegible] country. [illegible] would likely be more satisfactory to the East, and to the great multitude of business men everywhere. His devotion to the constitutional rights of the South during his Congressional service of eight years immediately preceding the war, greatly endeared him to that section, and his firm adherence to the cause of the Union during the war, and since, was and is all that the most enthusiastic friends of the Union could require. Successful in politics as long as he chose to be a candidate for office, he voluntarily retired many years ago, without ever having suffered defeat before the people. He then devoted himself exclusively to business for a number of years with great energy and remarkable success, and having accumulated a large fortune, as suddenly and entirely withdrew from active business, as he had before from active political life. So completely did he divorce himself from business that he does not owe a share of stock in any corporation whatever, and his sympathies are wholly with the people as against corporations and privileged classes.

Another thing can be said of Mr. English, which cannot be said of many rich men, and that is, that there is not the least trace of an aristocrat in his composition. In common parlance, he is not in the least "stuck up," but at the same time he is dignified in manner, and his fine appearance and erect bearing would attract attention in any assembly, while he is thoroughly democratic in his views, being one of the people in the broadest and best sense of the world. Neither is there a trace of the demagogue about him. He has ever been ready to give a reason for the faith there is in him, and has always shown himself to be a brave, outspoken advocate of correct principles—for the right because it is right—not a trimmer nor a timeserver. Add to this that he never forsakes a friend nor persecutes an enemy, neither drinks nor gambles; that his ability is conceded; that there is not a flaw in his whole political record, and we have the embodiment of a man worthy and capable to fill any office in this nation, and my word for it, Wm. H. English is exactly that kind of a man. He is strong, not only because of his own merit and geographical position, but also because of other reasons. It is almost universally conceded that Indiana will have a man on the ticket. Unfortunately, Gov. Hendricks, who would be the first choice of Indiana for the Presidency, cannot unite the party in New York, and besides, Mr. Tilden's friends would never consent that one of the old ticket "should be taken and the other left."

Mr. Hendricks will not take the second place on the ticket. Senator McDonald prefers to remain in the Senate. Mr. English being the friend of both these gentlemen, and a Western man, entirely satisfactory to the East and South, moreso than any other man in Indiana, it requires no gift of prophecy to foresee that he stands a very good chance of being nominated. Whether he would accept is not certain. It is certain that he is not seeking it.

"Whom can we trust?" is the black type inquiry of an exchange. It is of no consequence. "Whom can we induce to trust us?" is the soul agonizer.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

National Wastefulness—How to make $100,000,000—The great Eleemosynary Institution of the United States.

[From our regular correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17, 1879.

This session of Congress is like all its predecessors, in the introduction of hundreds of little bills with which the country will fortunately never have even bowing acquaintance. There is another class of bills with which the country is only too familiar. I allude to those called the regular appropriation bills. Two have already been passed this session, and it is expected that two more—the Military Academy and the Consular Diplomatic bills—will be passed before the adjournment for the holidays. It is understood that there will be no reduction from the sums appropriated last session. In the Army and Navy bills, as well as in the Diplomatic service bill, every year ought to witness a reduction of expenditure The Diplomatic Service might be abolished at once without any, except its elegant incumbents, feeling the loss. Diplomacy is an effete art Before the day of railroads, telegraphs, and newspaper reporters, it was necessary, perhaps, for warlike nations, with contiguous frontiers, to have erudite and politic detectives at their respective capitals; but this necessity has long since passed away, and the institution lives only because no statesmen have had the boldness to affect its abolition, and because it furnishes convenient sinecures for those who have been serviceable to their party. If this latter class would have the patriotism to retire to the haunts of private industry, the gain to the country, through saving, would be astonishing. Then would we be able to abolish not only the foreign service, but to cut down appropriations in every department and branch of the public service. It is a fact, known to every one who has any acquaintance with our public service, that all the necessary work could easily be done by one half the force employed, and at one half the expense. This is startling, but it is not the whole truth. Some will not believe it. Others have heard it so often and consider the situation so irremediable that they tolerate it in apathy, with the comment that ours is a powerful wealthy government, and that we can endure the loss of a petty $100,000,000 per annum. It is startling, but as true as Holy Writ, that $100,000,000 will not cover the useless yearly expense. There are hundreds of men in this country who would contract and give heavy bonds to conduct the military, naval, and civil services of the United States upon one half the average yearly appropriations. The man who could get such a contract would, in five years, be richer than Vanderbilt, on entirely legitimate savings. His first step would be to discharge all government employees, and then employ about one half of them, at two thirds the salary he is now receiving. One in a thousand might retire to be re employed, his place could be immediately filled by a more competent man. To handle the top-heavy, over-officered army and navy would be more difficult They have so fortified themselves by inter-marriage with the families of politicians that it will be almost impossible to reduce their numbers or their pay, or even to stop the increase of both. If it were not for the fact of their matrimonial connections with the House and Senate their pay and numbers would quickly be reduced at least fifty per cent. England, France, Prussia, and all European countries get as good military and naval service as ours for less than half the money we pay our officers. But some one will say: What, would you turn half of these helpless clerks and officers upon the cold charities of the world? There you are again. Will you ever get over the nonsense that this government is a charitable institution.

Government clerks are supposed to work seven hours per day. Each one is entitled to a month's leave during the year, and many holidays. No well informed, truthful man will assert that they average more than four hours real work per day. And any one familiar with Government offices knows that with an elimination of useless red tape it would not be necessary for the employees to work more than two hours per day. Hence it will be seen that one half of the force could easily do all the necessary work.

"TO MY DEAD MISTIS."—Ned Murphy, colored, has given an order for a neat monument, to be erected at the grave of his old mistress, Miss Esther Murphy, in the graveyard at Due West, and made a partial payment on the stone. The old lady died just before or about the beginning of the late war, and has filled a neglected and forgotten grave for many years—not that either, for during all these years, her old slave, her petted servant, Ned, remembered her, and out of his little store has set apart enough to place a simple slab at her grave. Such instances of affectionate remembrances are rare, and, though he is a colored man, there is something in this simple service to his dead mistress, challenging the admiration of all, and in the crowded graveyard at Due West, there will be no more eloquent testimonial to departed worth than this simple slab: "To My Dead Mistis!"—Abberville (S. C.) Medium.

The International Exhibition will be held in Rome in 1882.

The future gradual emancipation of slavery in Cuba seems to be an accomplished fact.

The United States Senate will be Democratic until 1885, and possibly much longer.

Vice President Wheeler, so-called, says Seymour will be the Democratic nominee for President.

Sen. Voorhees introduced a resolution calling for a congressional inquiry into the migration of the negroes.

The national Republican committee chose Senator Don Cameron for chairman; Chicago for the peace, and June 3 for the time of holding the convention.

Antiquity of Man.

Prof. Mudge has presented some interesting evidence relating to the antiquity of man in the Kansas City Review of Science. He starts by assuming the correctness of the generally accepted opinion among geologists that man was on earth at the close of the Glacial epoch, and offers evidence to prove that the antiquity of the race cannot be taken at less than 200,000 years. After the Glacial epoch geologists have recognized, by their effects, three others, namely, the Champlain, the Terrace and the Delta, all supposed to be nearly of equal length. His argument for estimating the duration of these epochs is as follows: He takes the case of the Delta on the Mississippi and notes the fact that, for a distance of about 200 miles of this deposit, there are to be observed buried forests of large trees, one over the other, with interspaces of sand. Ten distinct forest growths of this nature have been observed, which must have succeeded one another.

"These trees are the bald cypress of the Southern States. Some have been covered over [illegible] feet in diameter, and one [illegible]00 annual rings. In some [illegible] these huge trees have grown over the stumps of others equally large, and such instances occur in all, or nearly all the ten forest beds." From these facts it is not assuming too much to estimate the antiquity of each of these forest growths at 10,000 years or 100,000 years for the ten forests. This estimate would not take into account the interval of time—which doubtless was considered—that elapse between the ending of one forest and the beginning of another.

"Such evidence," concludes Prof. Mudge, "would be received in any court of law as sound and satisfactory. We do not see how so much proof is to be discarded when applied to the antiquity of our race. There is satisfactory evidence that man lived in the Champlain epoch. But the Terrace epoch, or the greater part of it, intervenes between the Champlain and Delta epochs, thus adding to my 100,000 years. If only as much time is given to both these epochs as to the Delta epoch, 200,000 years is the total result.'

A Printer in Trouble.

There was a compositor not only discharged from the San Jose (Cal.) Herald the other day, but also fired down four flights of stairs by the infuriated foreman of that admirable journal. It seems that the typo was requested to "liven up" a certain speech which had been delivered at the Workingmen's State Convention, held in that town, with the usual remarks and brackets. The "jour," who was carrying a little more beer than was necessary, just then got hold of the wrong proceedings causing the eloquent resolution of Mr. Van Arman, referring to the death of a member, to read something like this:

"Whereas, It pleased Divine Providence to remove from our midst our beloved comrade, Azariah McMuck [loud applause], who has been cut off in the flower of his usefulness [laughter] and promise, it is;

"Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved family [cheers] and friends our sincere sympathy in their hour of affliction [cries put him out, and order], and assure them, while we humbly bow to the will of [a voice—Three cheers for Kearney] Heaven lament our departed brother [roars of laughter], a fellow-citizen of enlightened mind, statesmanlike views [cries of 'Oh, shut up!' 'Let's adjourn!' [and broad and generous sympathy for his kind. [Terrific cheers.] He is not lost, but gone before [derisive cries of 'Oh, cheese it!' and continued laughter]," etc,

In fact, the McMuck widow is hunting for that unfortunate printer yet, and cherishes the conviction that he is still hiding in the hills.

Small waists are no longer fashionable. Now let the women be as sensible about their shoes.

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An Indiana farmer lost his seat in the saddle and was drawn along the ground by one foot caught in the stirrup. He seized the horse's hind legs and brought the flying animal to a halt. This is a true prevarication.

Secret societies are the most luxuriant growth of modern times, and there are many men in the community who know grips enough to include every possible style of handshaking.

If Mr. John B. Gough, the teetotal lecturer, has not been misinformed, it is a common practice among English young ladies of fashion now a days to tipple wine in candy shops when out shopping, and to carry daintily ornamented sherry flasks on all expeditions of business or pleasure.

It is said there is serious talk in Washington of forming a ladie's congress, made up of the wives of Senators, Representatives, and other officials, who will discuss and pass upon matters of etiquette, and fix the relative rank of the different sets.

A French paper of New Orleans praises the women of that city by saying that the fairest and most carefully reared ladies, reduced to poverty, have so readily adapted themselves to circumstances that they can do their own housework, even to the washing and cooking, and work with the needle besides to support their family, while their good for nothing husbands loaf around the corners or play keno.

Book on Baptism.

To subscribers to my work on "baptism," I would take this opportunity, through the press, of saying, that the book will be delivered to them between the 1st and the 10th of January, 1880. The removal to Texas of the publisher occasioned delay in its publication. Any, as yet not subscribers, may receive the book at that time by remitting to me 25 cents, at Paducah, Ky.

KERR B. TUPPER,
Pastor First Baptist Church, Paducah.

Educational Department.

J. H. SAUNDERS, EDITOR.

Compulsory Education.

I am aware of the fact that I am not advocating a popular cause, when I say I am in favor of compulsory education. Many men who favor our common school system are opposed to a law forcing the children to attend school. In fact, I am told many who vote for the school tax refuse to send their children to school. Now, let us look at the justice of this law. Suppose our people are taxed to build a jail. Every good citizen pays the tax cheerfully, because he wants the the thieves well secured. But suppose our jailer confines the prisoners in some old dilapidated building and allows them to escape and steal again. Do not the people rightly complain that they have been unjustly taxed? Does not everyone say he paid the tax to secure the rogues and protect his property? But if the prisoners were not locked in, was not the money misspent?

Suppose our county court votes a tax to build good bridges on our thoroughfares. As long as these are properly placed, no good citizens says a word against the tax. But it the bridges are placed on obscure roads and by paths, what a howl is raised. The people say they paid the tax to build the bridges where they would benefit the public. But now they are in out-of the way places, where only a few citizens are benefitted.

Now, why does the State attempt to educate its children?

1st. Because it has been proven that no republican form of government can long exist where the masses are ignorant.

2d. It has been proven that seven-tenths of the crime in our land is committed by ignorant people. Therefore, popular education prevents crime.

3d. It has been clearly shown that a large majority of our paupers are ignorant. Therefore, education prevents pauperism.

4th. It is only justice that the poor who work the highways in time of peace and defend the country in time of war, should receive an education from the State.

We might enlarge on these and also add other reasons why we should support common schools. But these are sufficient for the present.

Now, suppose the tax payers say we feel the importance of educating the masses; we know a republican form of government cannot long survive where the laws are made by the votes of an ignorant populace. We know that education diminishes crime and pauperism, and that boys educated by a liberal State policy, will feel it their duty to enlist in our armies and defend us against our enemies. We know that the great danger to our government is communism. That this is led on by a few fanatics, who recruit their ranks from the ignorant masses. But, when we vote our money to educate the masses, to prevent crime and pauperism, we shall like to see it spent for that purpose. But the school reports show that a very large per cent. of our poor do not attend the schools. Now, has not the tax payer the same right to complain that his money is misapplied here, that he had in regard to the jail and the bridge?

The above piece was suggested by a conversation with one of our taxpayers. He used the very argument I have made for the taxpayer, and I must admit it is a good one. But there is something more for the taxpayers to think of in this connection. Hickman reports 384 children in the pupil age. The schools (public and private) have enrolled about 230. This leaves 154 out of school. I suppose it is equally as bad throughout the county. It does seem, at first glance, that this is a very large per cent. growing up in ignorance. But suppose these 154 pupils are driven into our schools. This will compel us to employ two more teachers. Yes, not only that, but to build two more rooms. Are the tax-payers ready for this? Do you think we can raise the tax, build two additional rooms and employ two more teachers? If we can afford it, I say, by all means, let us have compulsory education. But this, like all other laws for the improvement of the country, requires money. But I think many persons do not understand what is meant by compulsory education. Some cities have instructed the police to arrest children and take them to school by force. I do not deem this the better plan. The trustee has the name of every child in the district. Let his list be compared with the teacher's roll. If a name occurs on his list that is not on the teacher's roll, fine the parent $25. Put this money into the school treasury and thus help the taxpayers.

But one column is too short to discuss the question thoroughly. While I can see no injustice in the law, still I can see much trouble in its enforcement. Everyone can talk volumes about the duty of children to parents, but when we talk about the duty of parents to their children, many seem to think their children are their own, and if they choose to bring them up in ignorance, is nobody's business. Public opinion must be considerably changed before the law could be successfully enforced. But it is time the masses were thinking in this direction. The time is certainly coming when it will be just as great a crime to starve the body to death as to keep the child at home in ignorance, and thus starve the mind.

A recent picnic was turned into a hollow mockery by every fellow remembering to bring a corkscrew, and depending on somebody else to furnish the bottle.

Paris Kentuckian: Gov Blackburn in an interview denies that he ever agreed to accept of a carriage from gamblers of Louisville. Says for his inauguration, Woodford county friends offered him a pair of fine horses and Louisville friends a carriage, all of which he declined, and that he still uses his old horse and buggy that he practiced with in Louisville.

The Tilden people are now telling a strange story to the effect that Senator Wade Hampton proposed to sell out Mr. Tilden's electoral ticket in South Carolina, in 1876, the price being the governorship of that State, and reach the conclusion that the National Democratic party must renominate Mr. Tilden for President in order to atone for Hampton's conduct.

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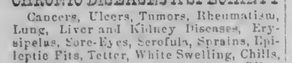

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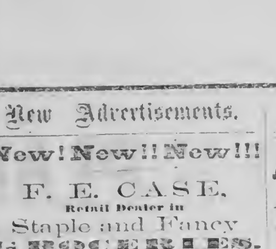

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dec 1-4 J. C. REID, J. P. F. C.

Commissioner's Notice.

Fulton Circuit Court, Kentucky.

N. P. Harness' adm'r, plaintiff, against N. P. Barness heirs and creditors, defendants. } Equity.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of N. P. Harness, deceased, that the undersigned, Commissioner of the Fulton Circuit Court, under an order in the above styled cause, will attend at the County Court Clerk's office, in Hickman, Ky., from the date hereof until the fourth Monday of Jan., 1880, to receive and hear proof of claims against said decedent; and that all claims not presented to him and proven as required by law, within the time specified above, will be forever barred.

JNO. A. WILSON,

Master Comm'r Fulton Circuit Court.

sept1—1879.

Commissioner's Notice.

Fulton Circuit Court, Kentucky.

Frank Miller's adm'r, plaintiff, against Frank Miller's heirs and creditors, defendants. } Equity.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of Frank Miller, deceased, that the undersigned, Commissioner of the Fulton Circuit Court, under an order in the above styled cause, will attend at the County Court Clerk's office, in Hickman, Ky., from the date hereof until the 5th Monday of January, 1880, to receive and hear proof of claims against said decedent; and that all claims not presented to him and proven as required by law, within the time specified above, will be forever barred.

JNO. A. WILSON,

Master Comm'r Fulton Circuit Court.

sept1—1879.

Commissioner's Notice.

Fulton Circuit Court, Kentucky.

Geo. B. Prather's adm'r, plaintiff, against Geo. B. Prather's heirs and creditors, defendants. } Equity.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of Geo. B. Prather, deceased, that the undersigned, Commissioner of the Fulton Circuit Court, under an order in the above styled cause, will attend at the County Court Clerk's office, in Hickman, Ky., from the date hereof until the first Monday of January, 1880, to receive and hear proof of claims against said decedent; and that all claims not presented to him and proven as required by law, within the time specified above, will be forever barred.

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This department maintains its supremacy, and shows the best productions from the European centres.

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Our SUITS and COSTUMES fully sustain that pre-eminence so justly established, and always represent the latest styles and fashions.

Ladies' and Children's Undergarments.

Superb assortment of fine French hand-made UNDERWEAR, comprising every requisite for a lady's wardrobe. Also, children's goods for every age and size.

Our Infants' Furnishing Department is thoroughly equipped. Complete Wardrobes as low as $25; better goods in proportion. Any article in the Wardrobe at list price, fully cheaper than the home-made article, and much more satisfactory.

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The largest, rarest, and most unique French novelties in the city. Also, the medium grades of hose for ladies and children at very moderate prices.

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Every possible requisite for a gentleman's outfit, in the best and medium grades of goods at moderate comparable prices. Quality, style, and fit the prominent features of this department.

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For spring and summer, for Ladies, Misses, and Children. Cloth top, low button shoes, the novelty of the season, $3.50; common kid walking boots, $3.75. Low shoes from $2.25 to $5; fine quality slippers from $1.25 to $2.50; Misses' best pebble goat, worked buttonholes, 75; Children's hand-made, spring heel, button boots, $1.50; Infants' shoes, all colors, $1.25.

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A SPLENDID OFFER! READ IT!

The COURIER will be greatly improved during the ensuing year. It will furnish all the local news, notices of meetings, assessments, tax and other sales, markets, etc., etc., giving information that every resident of this county *ought* to have, and cannot deprive himself of, without being likely to lose many times the cost of the paper. The Village, Farm, Town and County Talk on subjects of local interest, will be supplied fully in our columns, besides much interesting reading. All this can be had at scarcely 4 cents a week, or only $2 for the entire year!

And Better Still.

Almost everybody knows the high value of the *American Agriculturist* a journal that has just completed its 37th successful year. It is a large, beautiful journal, full of plain, practical, reliable, most useful information, for every man, woman and child. It prints every year 700 to 800 original engravings of labor-saving, labor-helping contrivances, many of them home-made; also of animals, plants, construction of buildings, etc., etc. The *American Agriculturist* also constantly publishes exposures of the various humbugs and swindlers that prey upon the people with their artful schemes. These exposures save tens of thousands of dollars to its readers every year.

With all its splendid features, and an outlay of over $25,000 a year in collecting and preparing information, engravings, etc., the circulation is so large that it is supplied to subscribers, post-paid for only $1.50 each year.

But

We are happy to announce that we have made arrangements to furnish to each subscribers, BOTH the COURIER and the *American Agriculturist*, (for the small sum of only $2.65 a year, both post-paid, which is but a trifle over five cents a week. Who will not smoke one cigar less a week, or save five cents from some other needless expenditure, if necessary, to constantly supply himself and family with both of these journals? Remember, only $2.65 pays for the COURIER and the *American Agriculturist*, both sent post paid for a whole year. Please tell your neighbors of this.

Send in your subscriptions at once. The *American Agriculturist* is just entering its 38th annual volume, and now is the time to subscribe.

And Still Better.

The publishers of the *American Agriculturist* have secured Marshall's new, large, magnificent Steel Plate, "THE FARMER'S PRIDE," one of the finest works of this great artist, whose pictures of Washington and Lincoln are of world wide reputation. So fine is this new work that Mr. Marshall received $3,000 for engraving the steel plate alone. It was so highly valued that thirty good judges subscribed $25 each for 50 copies of the first or artist proofs, and no copy of the picture can be bought for less than $5.00.

But the publishers of the *American Agriculturist*, have just secured the Plate, and having large facilities for multiplying it, they propose to present this Splendid Engraving, on fine Plate paper, (22x28), delivered post paid, to every subscriber for volume 38 of that Journal, who sends 20 cents extra to cover cost of packing, mailing, and postage on the engraving.

Therefore

Subscribers can secure, through this office the COURIER and the *American Agriculturist* both post-paid for one year; and also (delivered free) a copy of the above-named Steel Plate Engraving that will be a great adornment to every home—ALL THREE for only $2.85.

THE LATEST INVENTION IN USEFUL HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES.

Within the last few years there has been expended a great deal of inventive thought and genius upon what may properly be classed as household articles, the most noted results of which are the production of the sewing machine, the wringer, the washing machine, the carpet sweeper, &c. Almost every week we chronicle the advent of some new invention by which the cares and labors of housekeepers are lessened, and woman's work made easier.

The newest thing to challenge our attention and gladden the heart of the housekeeper, is, what is called the Novelty Brush Holder, Carpet Stretcher and Sweeper, a very simple contrivance designed to *firmly* hold in position any kind of a brush or duster; having an extension handle that enables one to wash or dust windows, walls or ceilings without the aid of a step ladder. That is one of its conveniences, and it is also one of the best carpet sweepers in the market, holding the brush firmly at an angle. It cleans the carpet thoroughly, raises no dust, and does not wear the carpet like the ordinary broom or brush, and will outwear a half dozen brooms. As a handle for the scrubbing brush it is the best device ever made, no more kneeling on the floor, no more back aches or sore fingers. As a carpet stretcher it is worth its cost, as a carpet of any size can be laid evenly without any of the labor and vexation usually attending such work. It is strong, simple, thoroughly made, cannot get out of order, has no screws, lever or hinges, is compact, cheap and durable.

It is manufactured by Brown & Co., Cincinnati, the well known manufacturers of useful household articles, and is sold only by their agents to housekeepers. The real utility of this article will at once be seen by those most interested, and we predict for it a large sale. Every housekeeper in the land will want one.

Any reliable lady or gentleman wishing remunerative employment, would do well to secure the agency for this county, which can be done by enclosing a stamp for descriptive circular and terms, to

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1879. NEW YORK. 1879.

As the time approaches for the renewal of subscriptions, THE SUN would remind its friends and wellwishers everywhere, that it is again a candidate for their consideration and support. Upon its record for the past ten years it relies for a continuance of the hearty sympathy and generous co operation which have hitherto been extended to it from every quarter of the Union.

THE DAILY SUN is a four page sheet of 28 columns, price by mail, post paid, 55 cents a month, or $6.50 per year.

THE SUNDAY edition of THE SUN is an eight-page sheet of 56 columns. While giving the news of the day, it also contains a large amount of literary and miscellaneous matter specially prepared for it. THE SUNDAY SUN has met with great success. Post paid $1.20 a year.

THE WEEKLY SUN.

Who does not know THE WEEKLY SUN It circulates throughout the United States, the Canadas, and beyond. Ninety thousand families greet its welcome pages weekly, and regard it in the light of guide, counsellor, and friend. Its newseditorial, agricultural, and literary departments make it essentially a journal for the family and the fireside. Terms: ONE DOLLAR a year, post paid. This price quality considered, makes it the cheaper newspaper published. For clubs of ten with $10 cash, we will send an extra copy free. Address

PUBLISHER OF THE SUN, N. Y. City.

THE HICKMAN COURIER.

FRIDAY, : : : DEC. 26, 1879.

Local Items.

☞ Short communications on public questions printed—but not responsible for sentiments or expressions of correspondents—except where we refuse to give name of author.

Christmas Notes.

Mud.

Rain.

Slush!

Sleet and snow.

The muddiest, but happiest week for years.

Peace on earth and good will to all men.

All the school children have been enjoying vacation this week, looking for Santa Claus.

Rev. Geo. E. Flowers was the recipient of a number of good and substantial Christmas presents from the members of his congregation.

Judge Jno. W. Wingate, the oldest printer in America, except some, received a Christmas present of a splendid overcoat from Mayor Tyler, for which he desires to return his profoundest ack nowledgements.

The Social Dancing Club had an ugly evening the 23d, but the most delightful dance on record. Seventeen couple on the floor, and McCutchen Hall was full of loveliness, gallantry, music and joy!

The teachers and scholars of the Methodist Sunday School were to enjoy a whristmas supper at the court house, last night, but our honr of going to press prewents a report. Previous occasions will warrant the raying that it was in every respect delightful and happy.

The trade in Hickman this week—some days in some houses—has been al most like a mob—the rush and crowd has been so great. The rush for Christmas purchases, together with the usual trade, has excelled anything for years. The jam of people, together with the slush, mud and rain, causes us to pronounce this Christmas a "fraud." We hope the merchants enjoy it.

The Jacob's Ladder at the Episcopal church was an enjoyable event beyond description, notwithstanding the inclement evening. The little boys and girls, and not a few of the young ladies and gentlemen, and some of the older citizens, received presents and made presents, and every hand was busy with the gifts that speak of each other's affection and good will. The joyous memories of many a child will cling to that ladder for years and years, and we certainly hope that the happy anticipations of each were fully realized, and will never be darkened. Would we were a child again!

Our people have all had their usual Christmas pleasures, merriment and happiness. The married folks, around good dinner tables, seeing the children happy, have felt like boys and girls again. Rich or poor, grand or humble, each family has in some way had a brighter look; the big boys and girls have had their sweet hearts, dances and sociables; the little boys fire crackers and fun, the little girls dolls and dainties; and the dear older old folks happy hearts and kind remembrances that make their blessed old eyes look gay through the cares of age. The COURIER extends its Christmas greetings to one and all, with the hope that success, happiness and wealth, may be the lot of each and every one who read these Christmas notes.

We enjoyed a splendid oyster supper, given at the Laclede, on the night of the 24th, by J. Amberg's sons to their clerks As an honored guest, together with 25 or 30 others, we were treated right royally. The supper was occasioned by a proffer between the clerks and proprietors of this old and popular house as to the amount of sales the 15 days preceding Christmas. The clerks ran the sales on each of the 15 trial days more than $100 a day in excess of the amount. The clerks were to sell over $4,000 worth of goods to get the supper, whereas their sales aggregated, we are told by one of the clerks, something over $6,000. Master Henry Levi Amberg was, from reasons beyond his control, not present at the supper.

The Amberg house has been established in Hickman about 36 years, has been eminently successful—has accumulated quite a large fortune, and is permanently and inseparably interwoven with the commercial interests of this section. Its present proprietors are now reaching out with renewed vigor, activity and enterprise; and the COURIER wishes them continued prosperity and a long life.

OUR CLOAKS AND DOLMANS just arrived, and being rather late, we offer them much below their real value. Call and examine.

oct10 J. H. PLAUT & BRO.

MORE SAFE "CRACKING." — On Sunday night, after the robbery of Powell's safe here at Hickman, on Friday morning, the store house of Mott, Davis & Co., Point Pleasant, Mo., was entered and an attempt made to blow open their safe. They drilled two holes in the safe, poured in the powder and were just ready to touch it off, when some walking on the outside frightened them off. There were two of them. They jumped out of the window, and were known to have come to Point Pleasant by skiff from up the river. The holes drilled in the safe of Mott, Davis & Co., are identical in size and appearance to that in Powell & Bro's., indicating that the work was performed by the same parties. The burglars came by river, but they doubtless have confederates in this section.

"BLACK-DRAUGHT" cures costiveness and Sick-Headache.

For sale by BUCK & COWGILL.

The Shoffner Furniture Factory, Union City, was destroyed by fire, Saturday morning last. No insurance. Loss estimated at from $10,000 to $20,000. The Chronicle says: "Mr. Shoffner went to work, and before daylight next morning, had his plans arranged and a contract made for another finer and better establishment, work on the new building to be begun at once." This shows pluck and enterprise, and also that furniture making pays.

SAFE BLOWN OPEN—AN EXPERT ROBBERY.—On Thursday night last the grocery house of Powell & Bro., was entered, the safe blown open and robbed of its contents. The burglars must have entered by means of a false key, or have been secreted in some part of the house, (which is a very large one,) when the store was closed the evening before. The robbery occurred between 2 and 3 o'clock Friday morning, and quite a number of the occupants of houses in the vicinity were aroused by the explosion. The citizens who were thus aroused, hearing no further disturbance, and not knowing from whence the explosion came or what caused it, gave no further attention to the matter until morning. The burglar who performed the work was unquestionably a thorough and skilled expert in the business, as it was done with mathematical precision The hole drilled in the safe was exactly in the right place, without the variation of a hair's breadth, and he had even taken the precaution to place bales of hay and okum in proper place, so that when the explosion occurred, the safe-door, &c., would not be blown through the wall. After the explosion, the robbers seem to have had abundant time to examine the contents of the safe, as some packages in the pigeon holes appear to have been opened and examined. The loose papers in the safe were blown promiscuously about the office of the store, most of them considerably scorched and burnt. The robbers took the iron vault of the safe with them, but did not take any goods or other things from the store. The vault contained from $40 to $50 in greenbacks, about $400 in uncurrent Southern money and notes on citizens amounting, probably, to several thousand dollars. We imagine the robbers were badly "sold" on opening the vault and finding so small a prize, compared to the big haul they doubtless expected. Formerly the Powell Bros. had considerable amounts of money deposited with them and kept their own money in the safe in the store, but, fortunately, some months since, believing it unsafe, they caused their depositors to remove their money, and have their own money on deposit elsewhere, only keeping enough in the store for change purposes. They were also exceedingly fortunate in having kept an exact duplicate memorandum of all their most valuable notes, and will therefore suffer comparatively little from the loss of the originals. Altogether, their loss will amount to several hundred dollars.

On the same night the grocery store of J. R. Brown & Co., was entered, the safe moved from its place, but, from some unknown cause, no damage was done, and nothing taken.

OFFICERS K., OF H.—On last Friday night the Hickman Lodge Knights of Honor elected the following officers, for the ensuing six months:

Dictator—John Kimes.
Vice Dictator—Jos. Steagala.
Ass't. Dictator—Thos. Dillon.
Treasurer—H. C. Amberg.
Finance Reporter—Henry Beckman.
Reporter—T. M. French.
Chaplain—G. W. Flowers.
Guide—Thos. Hayes.
Guardian—E. T. Garlner.
Sentinel—George Warren.
Trustees—Chas. Baltzer, R. T. Tyler, O. Hertweck.
Representative—Jas. A. Warner.
Alternate—Jno. W. Cowgill.

This lodge has been in existence in Hickman something over three years, and during that time has paid out $20,000 to widows and orphans, and over $600 to the benefit of the sick.

Mr Jim Gordon, formerly of Hickman, died at Dyersburg, last Sunday.

Dan Rice, the famous circus clown, professed religion, in St. Louis, last week; and is now preaching with Moody and Sankey, in that city.

A new lot of the latest styles calicoes just received at J. AMBERG'S SON'S.

C. D. Trescoriter, formerly of Union City, is to commence a paper at Tiptonville, to be called the "Lake Star." He should call it "The Lady of the Lake."

Take **"BLACK-DRAUGHT"** and you will never be bilious.

For sale by BUCK & COWGILL.

SOME of our printifical troupe got rather unmanageable Christmas day and hence the *Courier* is a little short in reading matter this week.

In a personal difficulty Christmas eve, at James' Bayou, a man by the name of Wilson shot a man by the name of Healy. Healy was alive yesterday. The extent of wound not known.

One Jno. Myers, a German, teacher, was arrested in Louisville, this week, on the charge of bigamy. He married a Miss Gray, at Trenton, Tenn., and last week married a Miss Calpinger, at Litchfield, Kentucky.

The upper rivers have all been rising again, but the present severe cold snap, being general, will check it short up, and hence there need be no present apprehension of an overflow.

The Mayor's message, in this issue, exhibiting the financial condition of the town, should be read by every taxpayer. The statement shows a much healthier condition of affairs than we expected, and we think, on the whole, the management has been very prudent and wise.

Jos. Steagala, a connoisseur of everything that's good, presented the COURIER a fine turkey for our Christmas dinner. He keeps dressed fowls, venison, Irish lemons, Dutch lemons, and all such things for sale. He has our undivided thanks.

We have a nice line of ladies' cloaks and shawls, balmorals, cotton and woolen hose, nubias, hoods and furs, which we will sell very low. Call and examine.

3 tf. J. AMBERG'S SONS.

COTTON MARKET.—The cotton market opened active and firm at unchanged prices. The receipts so far are 300 bales ahead of last year. We quote

Good Ordinary, 11½c.
Low Middling, 11½c.
Middling 11¾c.

Corn continues in good demand at 38 cents per bushel delivered in Hickman.

There should be a telegraph line on the Mississippi, from Cairo to New Orleans. Commerce demands it, and the apprehension of robbers and thieves, who, knowing the tardiness of sending information ahead of them, flock down its channel, demand it.

The members of the lodge of Knights and Ladies of Honor are respectfully requested to meet at their lodge room Friday night, on which occasion the membership will enjoy an oyster supper, and also the semi-annual election of officers will occur.

The recent trade at Hickman has been three times as large this year as the same time last year, or any previous year for several years past, so leading merchants tell us. In some houses, customers couldn't get waited on for the lack of clerks. There's room for more business houses in certain lines, sure.

Everybody feels encouraged about trade just now. We hear of some investments in regard to manufacturing interests which now appear earnest, but for fear the fever subsides, will not give names. Mark our prediction, 1880 will witness a splendid forward movement in Hickman.

Mr James Koger leaves Hickman this week for Nashville, to attend the organization of the Hickman, Tiptonville and St. Louis Transportation company. This company is organized with the special view of moving the corn and wheat crops along the Mississippi via the Nashville railroad. It will remain permanently in the trade, the year out, and not for the season, as boats heretofore have been run.

CITY ELECTION—WHO ARE VOTERS.—Our annual election for Mayor and Councilmen occurs Monday week. (Jan. 5.) The terms of the city charter denies the privilege of voting in such elections to delinquent taxpayers, and from the Mayor's message, in this issue, the delinquent list must be quite large. Look to it, see the collector, who is ready to receipt you, and pay your taxes. No pay, no vote, is the law in this matter.

"BLACK-DRAUGHT" cures dyspepsia, indigestion and heartburn.

For sale by BUCK & COWGILL.

The annual issue of Professor Tice's "*Weather Forecasts and American Almanac for 1880*," is out, and we learn that the first edition of over 20,000 copies was called for within eight days of its publication, and a second larger one put to press. It is fuller and more specific in its weather prognostications for 1880 than formerly, and a variety of subjects of interest, such as plagues and the astronomical relations thereto, heat and sunstrokes, eyclones, facts for foretelling the weather, etc., are discussed. Copy can be obtained by inclosing 20c to Thompson, Tice & Lillingston, St. Louis, Mo.

Notice

I, the undersigned, do hereby recommend Frank Delano to be a no account "cheap and fancy sign painter." For information go to LOUIS KAYSER.

Hickman, Ky., Dec. 25, 1879.

Another Ticket.

MR. EDITOR:

Permit me to suggest a ticket for Councilmen, which will make good officers.

Mayor—H. A. Tyler.
Councilmen—T. M. French, A. A. Faris, Jno. W. Cowgill, Charles Baltzer, C. L. Randle, W. L. Garlner.

CITIZEN.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned, clerks of the house of J. Amberg's Sons, desire to return their sincere thanks to the proprietors for the pleasant and enjoyable entertainment of an oyster supper given them at the Laclede House, Wednesday night, Dec 24th, 1879.

J. E. FOGG,
R. C. ALEXANDER,
HOWARD MAXWELL,
GUS THOMAS.

HICKMAN, KY., Dec 25, 1879.

TO TAX PAYERS.

UNDER the provisions of the city charter no citizens in arrears for city taxes are allowed to vote. I am really anxious to receipt all who will come forward and pay between this and the day of election. Forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. Settlement must be made. No further notice will be given.

JAMES A. WARNER,
City Tax Collector.

CITY ITEMS.

CHILDREN'S SHOES AT AMBERG'S from 25 cents to $1.25.

YOU CAN GET GOOD JEANS AT AMBERG'S from 20 to 40 cents.

Forty years' trial has proved **"BLACK-DRAUGHT"** the best liver medicine in the world.

For sale by BUCK & COWGILL.

LADIES, we are now opening a most elegant line of Zephyr Shawls, Hoods, Scarfs and Nubias in all the latest shades.

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IMPORTANT!

It is very important that you call and examine the new goods at J. AMBERG'S SONS before purchasing elsewhere. 3-tf

Special Notice!

The greatest bargains ever offered in the City of Hickman can be had now in all lines of goods, at

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Let Us Have Peace,

BUT THE WAR in the price of Groceries only shows that you can buy the very best quality at the very lowest prices, at

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J. Amberg's Sons

Have on hand a large lot of Men and Boys Hats, which they will sell at the following low prices—from 25c to 75c. No use of going hare-headed. "Shoot" your old hat and buy a new one. n14-4w

Vote as You Please,

BUT remember that you can buy the best quality of Groceries at the lowest prices, at

ap26 JOHN WITTING'S.

STITCH! STITCH!! STITCH!!!

GENTLEMEN,

While you are buying Christmas presents for your children, don't forget your wives. Nothing pleases them better than a good SEWING MACHINE. You can get a first class machine, with all the attachments, at BUCK & COWGILL'S, for $25 to $30. d12-3t

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Master Comm'r Fulton Circuit Court.

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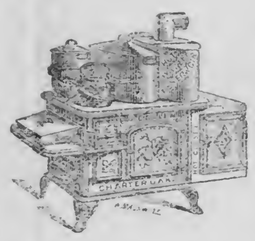

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FRIDAY, : : : : DEC. 26, 1879.

Whisky vs. State Finances.

Mr. George, the State Senator from this District, has been giving the subject of the deficit in our State finances some thought and investigation. He says that a comparison of the figures furnished by the State Auditor's reports, the years before and since the adoption of option laws in Kentucky, shows the chief cause of the lessened revenue to the State. We havn't the Auditor's reports before us to investigate the matter, but he cites the fact that by operation of the option law in the different counties hundreds of saloons, which in former years paid $150 each to the State, are now closed, and the State derives no revenue from such sources; and that in the main the consumption of whisky has not been materially diminished. Upon this view of facts, he will introduce a bill in the Legislature, immediately upon its assembling, taxing all drug stores, and houses dealing anyway in liquor, a sum equal to the revenue lost by the closing of saloons.

Speaking of Senator George, reminds us that the COURIER likely did him injustice in regard to the employment of the] penitentiary convicts. When visiting Hickman, this week, he said he fully endorsed our position as to working them on the county roads, but differs only as to its practicability. His efforts will be in favor of anything feasible in this direction.

Our Financial Condition.

The following figures, taken from the forth-coming report of the State Auditor, shows the financial status of Kentucky:

The estimated expenditures of the State for the year ending October 10, 1880,	$1,741,850 00
The total estimated receipts for 1880 are	995,958 20
Add balance in Treasury, Oct. 10, 1879,	685,979 37
Making,	$1,681,937 65
Deduct estimated expenses for 1880,	1,741,850 00
Estimated deficit October 10, 1880,	$ 679,912 35

It will be perceived that the estimated receipts fall short of estimated expenditures to the amount of $745,891 72.

On October 10th there was in the Treasury $66,976 37.

Deducting this balance from the estimated shortage, and there remains the sum of $679,912 35 to be supplied, either by additional taxation or some other means.—[Lexington Transcript.

If Kentucky had been under Republican control these past years, this exhibit of our financial condition would be charged to "recklessness," "extravagance," "bad management," or maybe something worse. But, as it is, it is attributed to *depreciation* in the taxable values of the State, and all the legislators who have been elected the past 15 years on a pledge of "economy, retrenchment, &c.," hold their reputation as "statesmen," &c. But, put what coloring you please on it, it shows bad management. The sensible, prudent business man, when he sees his property] and business depreciating, lessens the expenses of his house so as to come inside of his receipts—his income. This is precisely what our Legislatures ought to have done, but evidently from the statement above, didn't do. The real cause of this shortage is no doubt attributable to a variety of causes, but the great underlying cause rests on the election of so many utterly incompetent men to represent us in the Legislature—men who when they take their seats at Frankfort know nothing whatever of State affairs, and the few months they serve there is too short a time to learn much. The people send some splendid men to the Legislature, but they also send a herd of incompetents—clever men to be sure, honest and even sensible, but lacking in the information and qualifications necessary for an immediate discharge of the duties of their position. If we select a man for a lawyer, a doctor, or any special line of business, wisdom says select one whose education, experience, &c., qualifies him for position; but the rule is not always observed in choosing legislators. We often select men who admit themselves, and who everybody knows, knows nothing of State affairs or current politics. It is impossible that such a man, unless wonderfully quick, should make a good legislator. The "short" condition of State finances we attribute to the election of just such material. The competent members have not been able to control the incompetents, and hence hundreds of little leakages have crept in, and in the aggregate we have the result as above. It is not the result of dishonesty or corruption, but as Doesticks has it, exclusively from "damphoolism."

THE count in Maine is creating a furor of excitement. The following circular gives an indication:

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Washington says: "A circular, without any signature, has been sent to the clerks in the departments from Maine, who served in the Union army during the war, ordering them to so arrange their affairs that they can meet without delay at the Grand Army hall to organize a rifle club and start at once for Augusta, Me. The circular says that uniforms, great coats and caps have been furnished, and rations, transportation and a supply of Spencer rifles will be provided on the way North.'

THEY have been enjoying extreme cold weather in the North recently.

No more Congress until January 6.

THE Courts sustain the Postmaster General in the order not to deliver letters to lottery men.

GRANT will be the Republican candidate for President; but if not Blaine stands next.

A COMMITTEE of Congressmen are to inspect the Mississippi river from its source to its mouth, next March, at Uncle Sam's expense.

EDISON'S new lamp is now a conceded success. It will save half the cost for oil, abolish the use of matches, can be used in a powder maggazine with as much safety as cold iron, makes no smoke, and will enable any small town to be as well lighted as cities now are with gas.

THE exodus of the colored folks from the South to the North—to Kansas and Indiana—has broken out afresh, and it is said that it has just begun, and that thousands of negroes in Louisiana, the Carolinas and other States, are prepared to follow between this time and spring. The Northern States selected show unmistakably that the Republican party is at the bottom of the exodus. We say, speed the parting wards. They may change the political complexion of Indiana, but in the long run the matter will prove good.

The Stars Did Fall.

The shower predicted by Prof Tice to occur at 1 o'clock A. M. on the morning of the 14th of November, occurred on the 16th (Sunday) at from 1 to 3:30 P. M., as observed at Griffin, Ga., by many persons. The day was perfectly clear, and the meteors could only be seen by hiding the sun entirely, thus: Place yourself on the east side of a two story house with the sun fairly below the top of the roof, when, in a space of twenty feet east, north and northwest, they were plainly visible going west. Some were darting, while others moved slowly. Some were large and distinct, while others were small. The tails of some were visible, while meteors could not be seen at all, appearing as streaks of light only, lasting longer. It would have been a sight grand beyond description had it been on a dark, clear night, as there were very many—as many as four or five at a time visible in a space of ten feet square above the top of a two-story building. They were first discovered by a negro boy and reported. I noticed it from 3:30. It may have continued longer, though not till night.—[J. Draper, Sr., in Ashville Ægis.]

Howling Maine.

Additional telegrams were sent here to-day, urging Senator Blaine to set up a dual Legislature in Maine, and place the controversy in such a position that Congress will take cognizance of it. One plan which is under consideration, is after the bolters there have improvised their rump Legislature, to declare that Maine is denied a republican form of government, and call up on the President to execute the constitutional provision guaranteeing it a government republican in form.

One of the legal precedents which has been raked up to sustain the President in case of the recognition of the pretended Legislature is a decision covering fifty-four pages, made by Justice Taney in what is known as the Rhode Island case. The plan of the Blaine followers will be to set up their bogus Legislature and elect Davis Governor. Of course the Fusionists will elect either Garcelon, the Democrat or Smith, the Greenbacker. This will at once precipitate the question of National recognition, and the pressue now being put upon the President is to commit him to the pledge that he will recognize Davis and his legislature. Gen Garfield is said to have said, to-day, that under the contingency thus outlined the President will recognize Davis and the bolters as the legal Governor and Legislature of Maine.

A telegram was sent to Senator Hamlin, at Augusta, to night, saying that Garfield urged resistance, even at the expense of blood, and that Garfield had a long talk with Hayes to-day, who was terribly incensed, and who indicated that he would sustain the bolting Legislature if it was set up.—Washington Special to the Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Good "Southern Claim."

The bill of Senator Bailey, of Tennessee, appropriating the income of the undistributed bounty money due to colored soldiers to the five leading educational institutions of the South for colored people, seems to be in every way commendable. The fund now amounts to $510,000, and invested in 4 per cents as provided in the bill, will give annually over $5,000 to each of the institutions named—Howard University, of Washington; Hampton (Va.) Normal and Agricultural Institute; Fisk University, of Nashville; Atlanta (Ga.) University and Straight University of New Orleans. Such a sum would greatly increase the resources of all gthese institutions, and as the fund really belongs to the colored race, the income of it cannot be paid back in any better way. If the Government takes care of the higher education of the race, it will raise teachers and leaders who will in turn stimulate their primary education. This is such a "Southern claim" as we are glad to see preferred, and we only hope that Congress will not be so very busy at the laborious task of doing nothing as to wholly overlook some things which ought to be done.

Mr. J. L. Bone, of Arlington, sued Messrs. W. L. Ringo and Benny Cummins for damages in the sum of $10,000 before the Common Pleas Court, on the ground of false imprisonment. The case is an outgrowth of the Arlington burglary case that was tried in the Ballard Circuit Court several months ago, in which Mr. Bone was made party defendant, under indictment by the grand jury, but was acquitted on trial.—[Clinton Democrat.]

John B. Clay is the only child of Henry Clay now living. He has a comfortable home at Lexington, owning 200 of the paternal acres and many beautiful horses.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

Honorable City Council of Hickman, Ky.:

Gentlemen—In pursuance of the requirements of our charter, I, herewith, through you, submit to our citizens a report of the financial condition of our city. Our charter requiring this statement this early, before the whole year's business is closed up, renders it impossible to be exact, and this difficulty has been greatly increased through the remissness of our tax collector in not closing up his collection of the revenue, he being at this time twenty-five hundred dollars behind.

Yet, I am confident that when all the settlements are in and the accounts of the year are all closed, it will not be found to vary in any particular as much as one hundred dollars from my statement herein. The statement is predicated upon the condition our finances will be in when all the accounts are closed up, including tax collector.

You, gentlemen, began your duties under more unfavorable auspices than any previous council for years. After exhausting the revenue of 1878, you had to meet nine hundred and eighty-six dollars of part due funded bonds, and two thousand dollars of unpaid checks, without a dollar in the treasury. In additiou to this, our city had just passed through a dreadful scourge, resulting from her miserable sanitary condition, and you had been elected upon a distinct understanding that no expense should be spared to remove every cause of unhealthiness and disease. How well this pledge has been redeemed, the unparallelled health of our city for the past year, sufficiently attest.

Total revenue collected of 1879,		$6,090 00
Back taxes collected of 1873, 1874-5-6-7,		1,343 80
Privilege taxes,		950 00
Police Court fines,		78 60
Market master,		2 00
Total revenue,		$8,874 12
Paid on funded bonds, principal,	$2,000 00	
Paid on funded bonds, interest,	1,743 00	
Paid on unfunded river bank bonds,	509 20	
Total paid on bonded debt,		$5,215 20
Balance to meet current expenses and outstanding checks,		$3,129 22

The total expenses of the city government for the year, including salaries of all the officers, commissions on all collections, sanitary regulations, street work, etc., aggregate a sum total of $2,225—but little more than was paid to officers alone a few years back.

This left a balance applied to paying off outstanding checks the sum of	$903 42	
Making a total payment on old debt this year,	$6,148 62	
Leaving outstanding checks,		$ 1,300 00
Unfunded bonds,		1,000 00
Funded bonds,		25,284 00
Total indebtedness of every kind,		$27,384 00

I have not included the river bank bonds, of which there is outstanding about $1,000 as the city is not required to pay these except in taking them for taxes on the property for whose river front they were issued. They have, however, materially crippled the resources of the city for a number of years, as we were deprived of the revenue from some of the most valuable property in the city. The Millet block was released this year as the tax took up the last bond against that property. Next year the tax on the Robinson block will take up the last bond against it, and the year following, the Amberg block; which will leave only one hundred dollars revenue to be taken up by that class of bonds each year, instead of three hundred and seventy dollars, as heretofore.

During the year we consummated a new contract with the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Rail Road company; by which, said company cedes to the city, ground for a public wharf—150 feet wide; restore to the city all wharfage fund on hand, amounting to $614 00—and all future right of wharfage, and is to deliver, when called upon, one hundred car loads of rock, to be used by the city in constructing a wharf; and the rail road is to fill up and grade the deep wash above the wharf.

We have now *cash on hand* as a wharfage fund, *eleven hundred and sixty-eight dollars*, to be used in constructing a good and substantial wharf whenever the river is in a condition favorable for doing the work; and all wharfage collected is being *sacredly* set apart for that work.

The city has cause to congratulate herself upon the steady reduction of her indebtedness in the last decade of ten years, notwithstanding the fearful ordeal of financial depression through which the whole country has passed.

Ten years ago our indebtedness was *sixty thousand dollars*. The annual interest alone required *thirty-six hundred dollars* to meet it. To-day we only owe *twenty-seven thousand three hundred and eighty four dollars*. The payment of an annual sum equal to the annual interest ten years ago, for the next ten years, will discharge our entire debt and all accruing interest.

Under the funding contract, made September 14, 1871, no part of the principal of the funded bonds were payable until September 14, 1874, since which time the interest on the entire funded debt has been paid annually, and $2,107 of the principal each year.

The funded bonds originally issued were,	$37,926 00	
This year pays the sixth installment,	12,643 00	
Leaving yet outstanding,		$25,284 00

At the time of the funding there were left outstanding, unfunded, $10,000. This class of bonds have been reduced to $1,000, in addition to which we have taken in upwards of two thousand dollars river bank bonds. During the past eight years we have paid an average of *five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars* each year upon the bonded debt alone, paid all the expenses of the city government, done more permanent street improvement than had ever been previously done in the city.

An annual payment of a like sum for six years, or an annual payment of *four thousand dollars* on the bonded debt for *eight* years will free us from debt and taxation. Respectfully,

H. A. TYLER, Mayor.

Ready to Pay Again.

On the 8th of August last I issued a circular letter announcing that I was compelled to suspend the auditing of claims in consequence of the want of money in the Treasury to pay them. It was my expectation then that I would be able to resume auditing in thirty or sixty days. But my inability to realize on executions issued on judgments rendered at the last term of the fiscal court of the State in June last, and in consequence of the tardiness with which sheriffs and other collecting officers have paid into the Treasury the revenue of the present year, 1879, I have not been able to announce until now the resumption of auditing of claims against the Commonwealth. Hereafter all claims will be audited and paid by the Treasurer as speedily as it will be possible to do so.

It must be recollected, however, that, in consequence of the large accummulation of claims in the department, and my limited clerical force, I will not be able to audit demands against the Treasury as rapidly as may be desired. I will, however do the best I can to accommodate all parties. No unjust discriminations will be made between claimants. Very respectfully,

D. HOWARD SMITH, *Auditor.*

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

HICKMAN, KY., Dec. 22, 1879.

Council met. Present—Mayor Tyler, Councilmen French, Faris, Plummer, Campbell and Landrum.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

WEST HICKMAN WALK.

A. A. Faris, presented an account for lumber and building West Hickman side walk, which was allowed, and the clerk directed to apportion the same to the lots and if not paid to place same in the hands of the tax collector for collection.

PAYING OFFICERS.

On motion, the clerk was ordered to issue checks to all the city officers for six months salary.

STREET WORK CLAIMS.

The street committee presented the following accounts for street work, which was allowed.

John Riugwood, $8.00; M. Isbell, 4.00; W. B. Plummer, 6.00; F. Thompson, 4.00; J. D. Stephens, 4.00; J. Barry, 3.50; Tom Steele, 2.50; Louis Guinn, 5.25; Tom Warrick, 6.75; Thos. Mellermott, 2.50; Louis Gibbs, 5.13; Dan Rice, 7.60; Joe Menigan, 1.63; M. Shaw, 1.25; Andy Shaw, 1.25; M. Barbee, 1.75; C. Thompson, 1.75; Sam Prevo, 1.00; F. W. Metheny, 1.75; Dick Brown, 1.75; W. P. Montgomery, 25 cents. Carey Gleeson, 4.00; J. A. Warner, 1.00; W. Diestlebrink, 70c; Wm. Lawson, 10.88. Gus Gleeson, 1.83; Arther Gleeson, 2.50.

EXTRA SERVICES.

On motiou, R. E. Millet was allowed $50 for extra services as City Clerk.

BOND LOST.

On motion, ordered that a duplicate of river bank bond, No. 31, for $150 to Ed. Mangel, it appearing that the original is lost.

ELECTION ORDERED.

On motion, ordered that an election be held at the city hall in the city of Hickman, on Monday, January 5, 1880, and that Jos. Kirkpatrick and R. M. Metheny be appointed judges; James A. Warner, sheriff, and R. E. Millet, clerk.

AGAINST FIRE.

On motion, the clerk was directed to insure the city hall.

ASSESSMENTS.

Ordered that $1,009 assessed to G. Hunziker under the equalization law, be stricken from his list.

On motion, ordered that John Trautweine, adm'r of F. Seigrist, be assessed $1,800 under the equalization law.

SUIT ORDERED.

On motion, ordered that on or before the 7th day of January, 1880, that the City Attorney commence proceeding in the City Court against Jas. A. Warner, City Tax Collector, and his sureties on his official bond.

MAYOR'S REPORT.

The Mayor presented his financial report for the year 1879, which, on motiou, was received and ordered spread on the minutes and published in the Hickman Courier.

ORDERED TO MOVE.

On motion, J. W. Shepherd was ordered to move his fish shed up the railroad track to East of the old tank frame.

Ordered, that C. A. Holcombe be required to fill up old privy vault on his vacant lots East ½ of 6 and West ¼ of 7 Old Hickman.

On motion, Council adjourned to meet Monday January 5, 1880.

R. E. MILLET, C. C.

In the State of New York snow has fallen to the depth of seven feet.

The tobacco crop in Graves county this year is the best and largest ever raised.

The world is still pretty much in the dark concerning the electric light. The New York Herald says it has been perfected and is a success, while the Tribune regards the latest work upon it as pretty much thrown away.

Commissioner's Notice.

Fulton Circuit Court, Kentucky.

Frank Miller's adm'r, pl'ff, against Frank Miller's heirs and creditors, defendants. } Equity.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of Frank Miller, deceased, that the undersigned, Commissioner of the Fulton Circuit Court, under an order in the above styled cause, will attend at the County Court Clerk's office, in Hickman, Ky., from the date hereof until the 4th Monday of January, 1880, to receive and hear proof of claims against said decedent; and that all claims not presented to him and proven as required by law, within the time specified above, will be forever barred.

JNO. A. WILSON,
Master Comm'r Fulton Circuit Court.
sept1—1879.

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